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RE: UNITED STATES v. MING-SHIUN WU

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today the sentencing of Ming-Shiun Wu, age 32, a citizen of Taiwan. Wu was convicted of one count of possession of child pornography. United States District Judge William M. Skretny sentenced Wu to 72 months imprisonment and a three year term of Supervised Release.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia, who handled the case, stated that Wu's possession of child pornography was discovered through an undercover investigation after he ordered child pornography through the United States mail. In sentencing Wu to six years in prison, Judge Skretny found that the defendant possessed more than 300 but less than 600 images of child pornography including material involving pre-pubescent minors, some of which portrayed sadistic or masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence. Because Wu is a citizen of Taiwan and not a citizen of the United States, he also faces immigration consequences as a result of his conviction.

The conviction was the result of an investigation led by the United States Postal Inspection Service under the direction of Inspector in Charge Ronald C. Walker.